

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on July 15, 2013, at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Lee Palmateer with the Pledge to the Flag.

The following people were present: Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker; Councilman Steven Van Hoesen; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Butler was absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Attorney Jessica DeFoire; Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Annie Stapleton; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Mary H. Brandow and Kyle Dingee.

The following bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid:

General Abstract #14, vouchers #335 through #358 inclusive for \$17,808.83.

Highway Abstract #13, vouchers #113 through #120 inclusive for \$9,469.76.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that they will be doing seal work all week long. When that is finished 90% of all the Road work will be completed.

The alternator went bad on the Grad All.

**Bridge Project:** Lowest responsible bidder was Hudson Valley Bridge Corporation with a bid of \$236,000.00. Their workers compensation insurance paperwork has already been turned in. They will be putting up detour signs for the road closure on Sandy Plains Road. After it is approved, the box culvert will be ordered, and it will take about three (3) weeks.

Mr. Farrell informed the Board that this would complete his Road Agreement for 2013.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2013-24, to accept the bid of Hudson Valley Bridge Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder of \$236,000.00 for the Culvert Project on Sandy Plains Road was adopted. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0**

Mr. Farrell will contact Hudson Valley Bridge Corp. to inform them that they were awarded the Bid.

Supervisor Palmateer asked about the intersection of Howard Hall Road and Leeds Athens Road, with the limited view site.

Highway Superintendent Farrell stated that he would talk to the Greene County Highway Superintendent to see what can be done.

Supervisor Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Dinkelacker *to go into Executive Session to discuss zoning enforcement litigation and a Town personnel matter.* Motion was carried. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0 (Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey was asked to leave at this time.) Time: 7:10 pm.

Councilwoman Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilman Van Hoesen *to come out of Executive Session.* Motion carried; Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:15pm.

Councilwoman Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Dinkelacker *to approve the Town Clerk's Report as presented.* Motion Carried: Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

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Councilwoman Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Dinkelacker *to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013, as presented.* Carried. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Paluch *to approve the minutes of July 10, 2013- Special Meeting as corrected.* Carried: Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Palmateer stated that Michael Richardson will work on the handbook if hired, and he has asked Mr. Richardson for a quote.

Bookkeeper Annie Stapleton informed the Board that her printer had died. She called ITS for a price on a new one: \$375.25 is the quote that they gave her.

Councilwoman Dinkelacker made motion seconded by Supervisor Palmateer *to purchase a printer for the Bookkeeper at the price of \$375.25.* Motion Carried. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Palmateer read a letter from Bob Hilbert, of Appraisal Associates regarding a maintenance agreement for the assessment roll for the next four (4) years, to comply with the State as we have just finished a ReVal Project. This would mean \$2500.00 for 2014; \$2500.00 for 2015; \$2500.00 for 2016; and \$20,000.00 for 2017.

Discussion followed. There was a question with regard to cancellation.

Councilwoman Dinkelacker requested a donation for the Cocksackie –Athens Girls Softball Team going to the State playoffs. She was advised that this cannot be done.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Palmateer and seconded by Councilwoman Paluch. Motion carried: Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.